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23 Oct 2014

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36th COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE FOR ALL MARINES

Marines, I am truly honored and humbled to serve as your Commandant. I'd like to begin my tenure by thanking General and Mrs. Amos for their four decades of extraordinary service and commitment. They transition to the next phase of their lives with the admiration, appreciation, and affection of all Marines and their families.

The Marine Corps is in great shape.

We are recruiting and retaining high quality Marines who are fit, tough, and smart. Our Marines are well led, well trained, and well equipped. The infrastructure at our posts and stations -- our barracks, family housing and training facilities -- has been significantly enhanced over the past decade.

We remain **forward deployed and forward engaged** in the Pacific, South America, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. Just in the last year, we have **responded to crisis** in the Philippines, South Sudan, Libya, and Iraq. In Afghanistan, we have remained engaged in **combat operations**. We have clearly demonstrated our flexibility, versatility, and adaptability. Marines are relevant and in high demand.

We have answered the call and we have delivered! Throughout the last decade, Marines have enhanced their reputation as the Nation's premier force in readiness. Today's Marines, like their predecessors, can be very proud to claim the title United States Marine.

Despite these accomplishments, much work remains to be done. As Marines, we maintain the highest standards and we constantly seek to improve. We will continue to attack by:

-- Maintaining a first-rate, well-trained total force of Marines in a high state of readiness.

-- Prioritizing the support of those Marines in harm's way.

-- Developing and fielding MAGTF capabilities that will ensure that the Marine Corps remains an innovative,

relevant, naval, expeditionary force-in-readiness.

-- Building upon our success in leader development, professional military education, wounded warrior care,

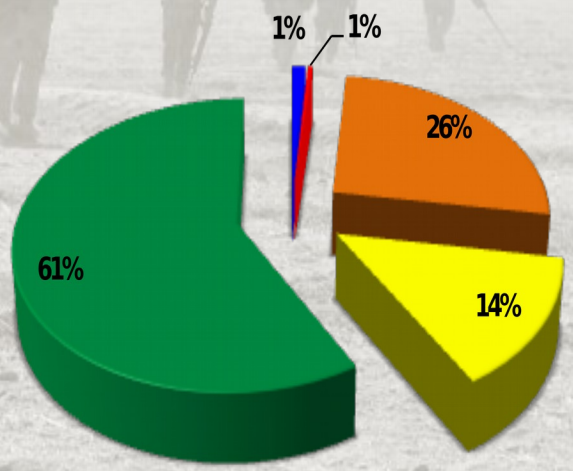
and family readiness.

Our Corps is informed by your input. I will continue to engage with Marines of all grades to solicit feedback. Your ideas will help us improve our warfighting and crisis response capabilities and provide the foundation for detailed Commandant's Planning Guidance in the New Year.

USMC Personnel

Total Deployed: ~33,500

Total Afghanistan: ~2,200



Active Component - Operating Forces: ~110,600
Trainees, Transients, Patients, Prisoners: ~26,800
Supporting Establishment: ~49,200
Activated Reservists: ~800
Active Reserve: ~2,300

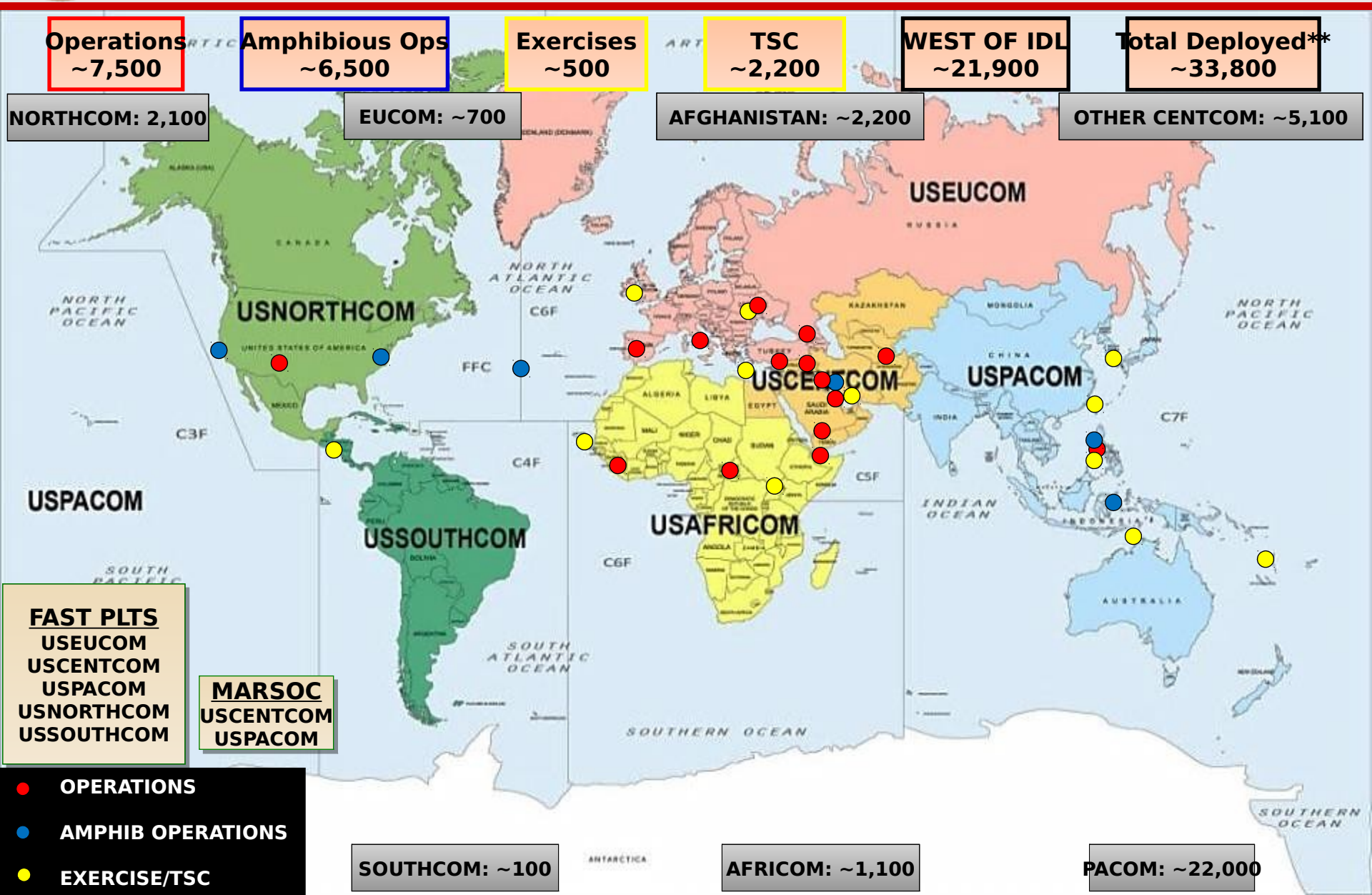
Total on active duty:

Global Force Disposition

(As of 23 Oct 14)

Operations	Amphibious Ops	Exercises	TSC	WEST OF IDL	Total Deployed**
~7,500	~6,500	~500	~2,200	~21,900	~33,800

NORTHCOM: 2,100 | EUCOM: ~700 | AFGHANISTAN: ~2,200 | OTHER CENTCOM: ~5,100



FAST PLTS
USEUCOM
USCENTCOM
USPACOM
USNORTHCOM
USSOUTHCOM

MARSOC
USCENTCOM
USPACOM

- OPERATIONS
- AMPHIB OPERATIONS
- EXERCISE/TSC

SOUTHCOM: ~100 | AFRICOM: ~1,100 | PACOM: ~22,000

U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

SPMAGTF-CR-CC
DET: 5TH MAR, 2/7, VMA-211, VMM-363, CLB-5
~2,400 PAX
KUWAIT/BAHRAIN/JORDAN

JORDAN OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM
DET: IAs OPCON TO SPMAGTF-CR-CC ~20 PAX
JORDAN

ISAT
~10 PAX
IRAQ

AMEMB SECFOR
DET: SPMAGTF-CR-CC ~150 PAX
BAGHDAD, IRAQ

AMEMB SECFOR
DET: MSAU ~20 PAX
ERBIL, IRAQ

OEF-AFGHANISTAN
DET: MEB-A (I MEF FWD) ~2,200 PAX
AFGHANISTAN

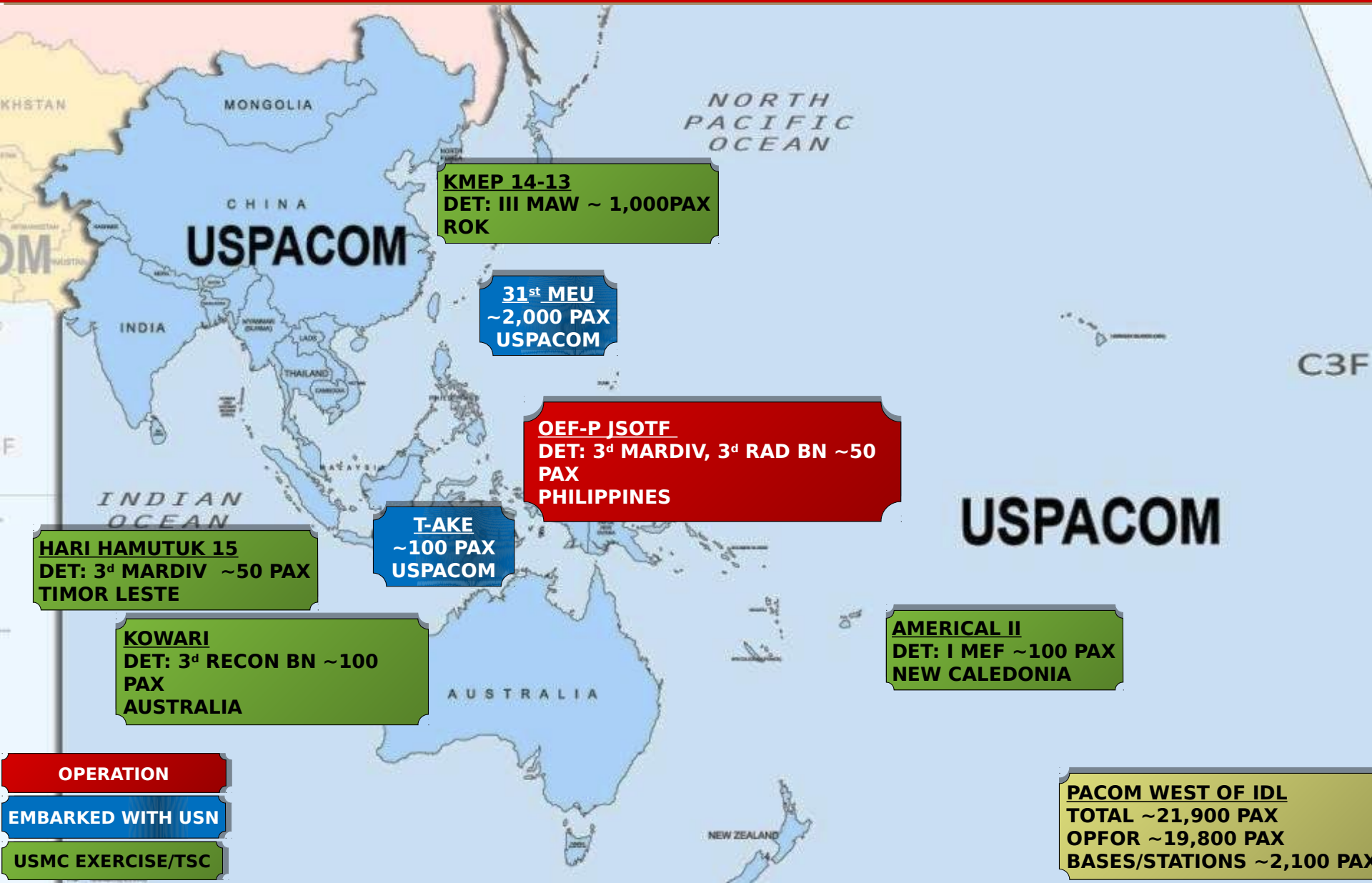
UAE SECURITY COOPERATION
DET: MARCENT (FWD) ~50 PAX
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

11th MEU
~2,500 PAX
CENTCOM

AMEMB SECFOR
DET: SPMAGTF-CR-CC (2/7) ~100 PAX
AMEMB SANA'A, YEMEN

OPERATION
EMBARKED WITH USN
USMC EXERCISE/TSC

U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND



KMEP 14-13
DET: III MAW ~ 1,000PAX
ROK

31st MEU
~2,000 PAX
USPACOM

OEF-P JSOTF
DET: 3d MARDIV, 3d RAD BN ~50 PAX
PHILIPPINES

T-AKE
~100 PAX
USPACOM

HARI HAMUTUK 15
DET: 3d MARDIV ~50 PAX
TIMOR LESTE

KOWARI
DET: 3d RECON BN ~100 PAX
AUSTRALIA

AMERICAL II
DET: I MEF ~100 PAX
NEW CALEDONIA

OPERATION

EMBARKED WITH USN

USMC EXERCISE/TSC

PACOM WEST OF IDL
TOTAL ~21,900 PAX
OPFOR ~19,800 PAX
BASES/STATIONS ~2,100 PAX

U.S. AFRICA COMMAND

SPMAGTF-CR-AF
DET: 26th MEU, 2/2, VMM-264, CLB-2 ~1,400 PAX
MORON, SPAIN / NASSIG, ITALY

MAINTENANCE TCT
DET: SPMAGTF-CR-AF ~10 PAX
GULF OF GUINEA

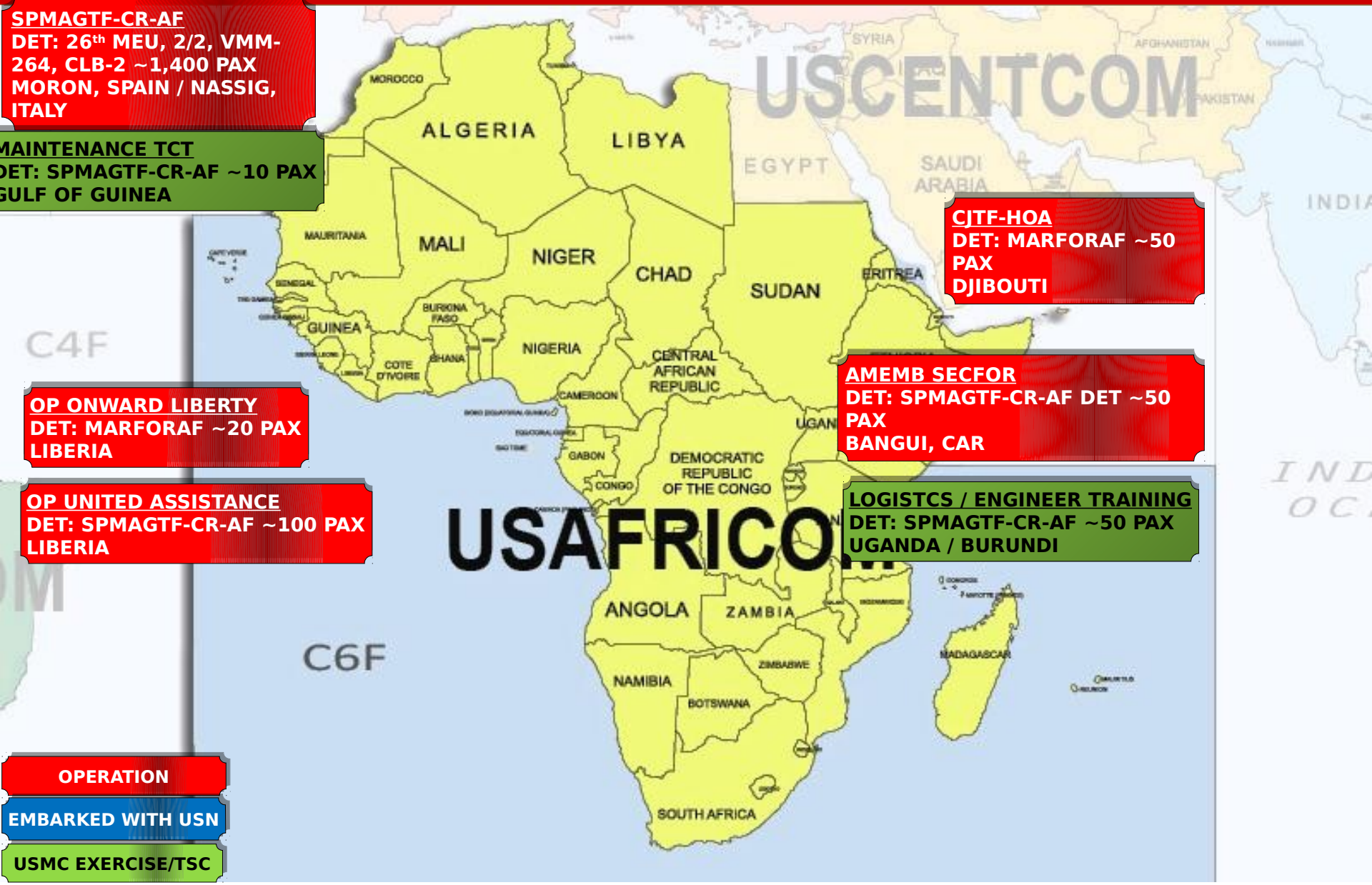
OP ONWARD LIBERTY
DET: MARFORAF ~20 PAX
LIBERIA

OP UNITED ASSISTANCE
DET: SPMAGTF-CR-AF ~100 PAX
LIBERIA

CJTF-HOA
DET: MARFORAF ~50 PAX
DJIBOUTI

AMEMB SECFOR
DET: SPMAGTF-CR-AF DET ~50 PAX
BANGUI, CAR

LOGISTCS / ENGINEER TRAINING
DET: SPMAGTF-CR-AF ~50 PAX
UGANDA / BURUNDI



OPERATION

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USMC EXERCISE/TSC

SPMAGTF-CR-AF ISO Operation United Assistance

OP UNITED ASSISTANCE ISO Ebola Response in West Africa

SPMAGTF-CR-AF West Africa Alert Force

~100 Marines and sailors, 4x MV-22 Ospreys

FRSS* Team: provide JFC with a surgical medical capability (U.S. personnel assigned)

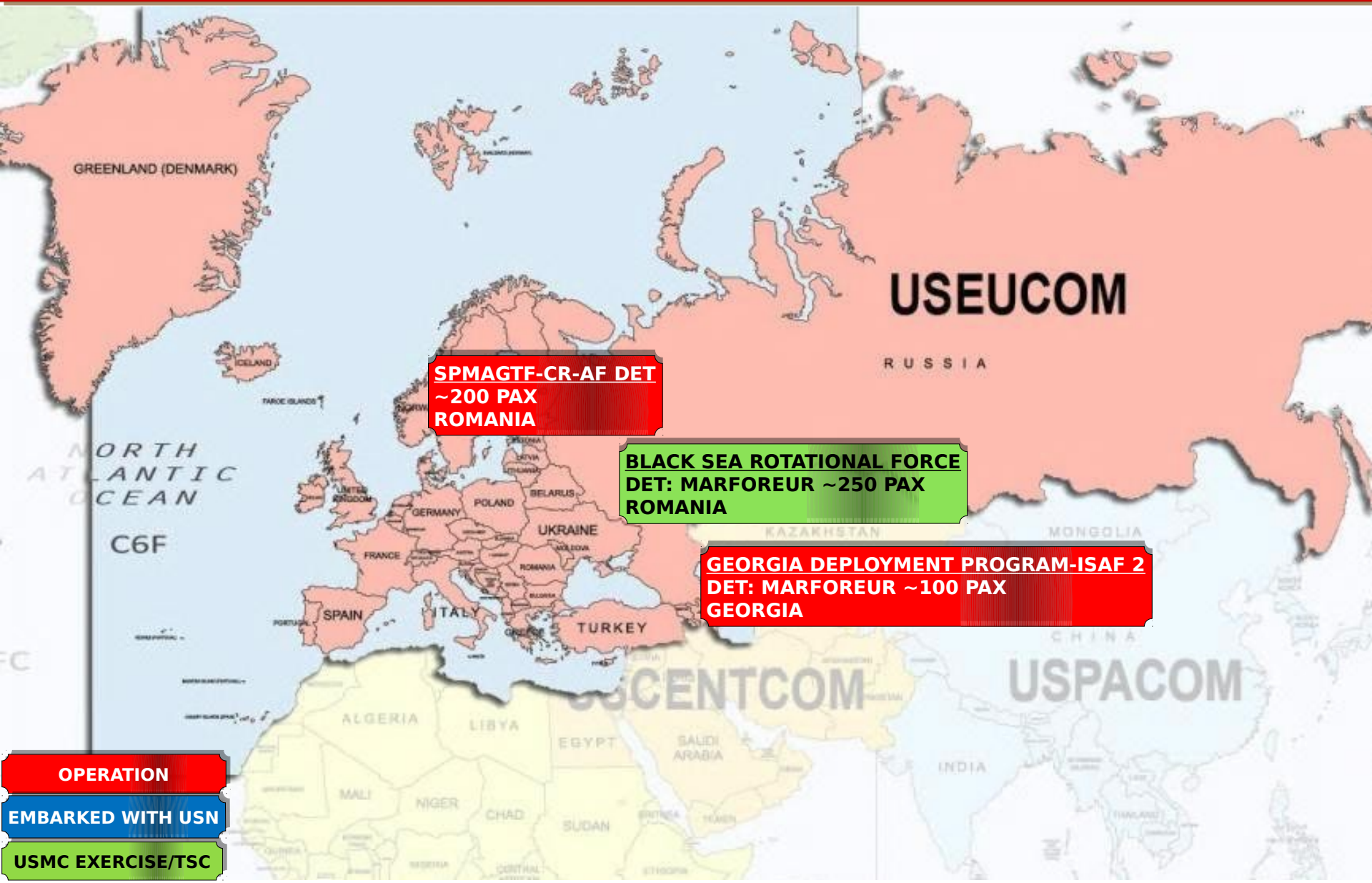
To provide logistical tilt-rotor airlift support to the Joint Force Commander and our interagency partners, specifically the U.S. Agency for International Development-led effort. At this time, there is no expectation that our Marines and Sailors will be working in high-risk areas or close to Ebola patients. However, we have deliberate preventative health measures in place to protect our Marines and Sailors. Every Marine and Sailor participating in this operation also received extensive training to prepare for the unique challenges associated with operating in this environment.

SPMAGTF-CR-AF West Africa Alert Force will assist in the building of Ebola treatment units and increase airlift capabilities to bring supplies in the harder to reach areas of Liberia; The U.S. Agency for International Development is the lead U.S. government organization for Operation United Assistance. U.S. Africa Command is supporting the effort by providing command and control, logistics, training and engineering assets to contain the Ebola virus outbreak in West African nations.

Evolution highlights the following AFRICOM Communication Themes: (1) Partnership for support and stability

(2) Response to crisis and humanitarian assistance

U.S. EUROPE COMMAND



U.S. SOUTH COMMAND

PERU PTP MTT
DET: MARFORSOUTH ~10 PAX
PERU

COMBINED EXCHANGE TRAINING
DET: MARFORSOUTH ~20 PAX
BRAZIL

AMPHIB ASSAULT VEHICLE MAINT MTT
DET: MARFORSOUTH ~10 PAX
ARGENTINA

OPERATION

EMBARKED WITH USN

USMC EXERCISE/TSC

U.S. NORTH COMMAND

Marine Expeditionary Units

13th MEU
CAMP PENDLETON, CA

26th MEU
CAMP LEJEUNE, NC

24th MEU
CAMP LEJEUNE

22d MEU
FCC

15th MEU
MP PENDLETON

11th MEU
CENTCOM

31st MEU
PACOM

PRE-DEPLOYED

DEPLOYED

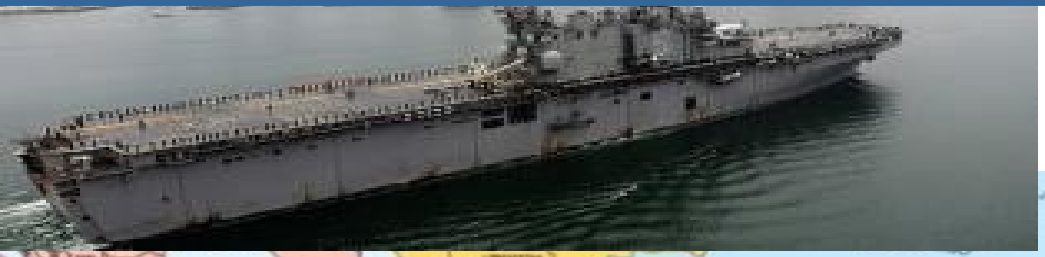
POST-DEPLOYED

31st Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL R. DASMALCHI

BLT 3/5, VMM-262 (REIN), VMA-542, CLB–31 **DEPLOYMENT DATES: MAY 14**

***USS PELELIU* (LHA-5)** ***USS GERMANTOWN* (LSD-42)**



- **14.1/14.2 TURNOVER** MAY 14
- **SOTG COURSES** JUN 14
- **BI-LATERAL TSC** JUN - AUG 14
- **SQUAD INFANTRY TSC - TAIWAN** AUG 14
- **PMEP** AUG 14
- **AMPHIB INTEGRATION TRAINING** SEP 14
- **TEMPEST WIND** SEP 14
- **CERTEX / PHIBLEX** OCT 14

22d Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL W. R. DUNN

BLT 1/6, VMM-263 (REIN), CLB-22 **DEPLOYMENT DATES: FEB 2014 –**

***USS BATAAN* (LHD-5)** ***USS MESA VERDE* (LPD-19)** ***USS GUNSTON HALL* (LSD-44)**

PMINT
CAMP LEJUENE
OCT 2013

FRENCH BI-LAT
DJIBOUTI
MAY 2014

ARG-MEU EX
CAMP LEJUENE
NOV 2013

EAGER LION
JORDAN
JUN 2014

COMPTUEX
CAMP LEJUENE
DEC 2013

SUSTAINMENT TRAINING
KUWAIT
JUN/AUG 2014

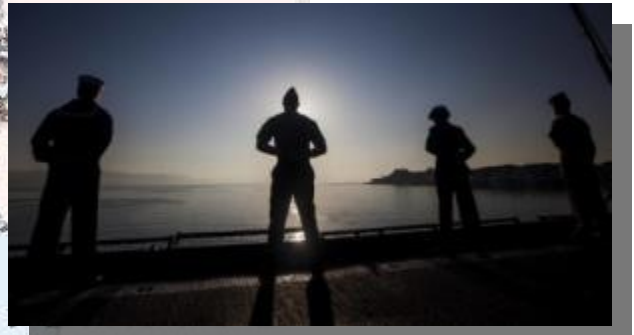
SPANISH PHIBLEX
SPAIN
FEB 2014

HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT ASSESSMENT
IRAQ
AUG 2014

NOBLE SHIRLEY
ISRAEL
MAR 2014

GREEK BI-LAT
GREECE
MAR 2014

SEA SOLDIER
OMAN
APR 2014



11th Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL M. G. TROLLINGER

BLT 2/1, VMM-163 (REIN), CLB-11 **DEPLOYMENT DATES: JUL 2014 –**

***USS MAKIN ISLAND* (LHD-8)** ***USS SAN DIEGO* (LPD-22)** ***USS COMSTOCK* (LSD-45)**

R2P2
CAMP PENDLETON
JAN 2014

PMINT
CAMP PENDLETON
APR 2014

COMPTUEX
CAMP PENDLETON
MAY 2014

CERTEX
CAMP PENDLETON
JUN 2014

SUSTAINMENT TRAINING
HAWAII
JUN - AUG 2014

MALAYSIA MAREX
PACOM
AUG - SEP 2014

SUSTAINMENT TRAINIG
SEP - OCT 2014

COUGAR VOYAGE
CENTCOM
OCT 2014

SUSTAINMENT TRAINING
KUWAIT
OCT - NOV 2014

24th Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL S. F. BENEDICT

BLT 3/6, VMM-365 (REIN), CLB-24 **DEPLOYMENT DATES: DEC 2014 –**

***USS IWO JIMA* (LHD-7)** ***USS NEW YORK* (LPD-21)** ***USS FORT MCHENRY* (LSD-43)**

COMPOSITE
CAMP LEJEUNE
MAY 2014

RUT
CAMP LEJEUNE/FT. EUSTIS
JUL 2014

PMINT
CAMP LEJEUNE
AUG 2014

ARG MEU EX
CAMP LEJEUNE
SEP 2014

COMPTUEX
CAMP LEJEUE
OCT 2014

15th Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL V. L. CRYER

BLT 3/1, VMM-161 (REIN), CLB-15 **DEPLOYMENT DATES: APR –**

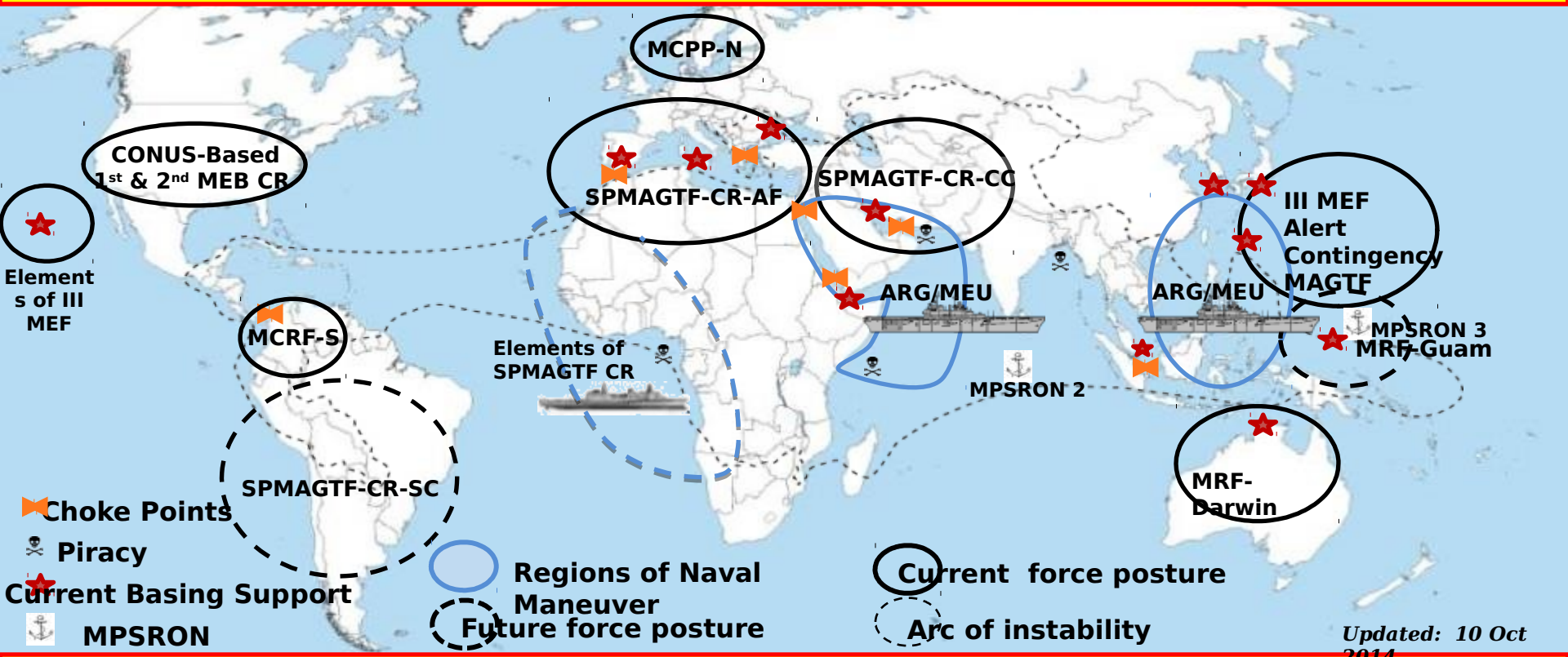
USS ESSEX **(LHD-2)** ***USS ANCHORAGE*** **(LPD-23)** ***USS RUSHMORE*** **(LSD-47)**

COMPOSITE
CAMP PENDLETON
OCT 2014

USMC Future Force Posture 2014-2020

The Nation's Crisis Response Force forward deployed and poised to rapidly respond to Crises within the arc of instability and within

In an era of fiscal austerity, force reductions, and uncertainty associated with the "New Norm" environment, the USMC Future Force Posture Plan thickens the forward deployed Marine force posture and provides more flexibility in employing the ARG/MEU within each Geographic Combatant Command (GCC) coupled with an inherent reach-back capability for additional USMC CONUS-Based CR Forces providing the NSS and Joint Staff with myriad Crisis Response options while gaining efficiencies in meeting GCC Security Cooperation and Security Force Assistance requirements.



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The Future Force Posture Plan (multiple forward deployed tailored MAGTFs) gains efficiencies and provides a sustainable,

THIS CONCLUDES THE

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